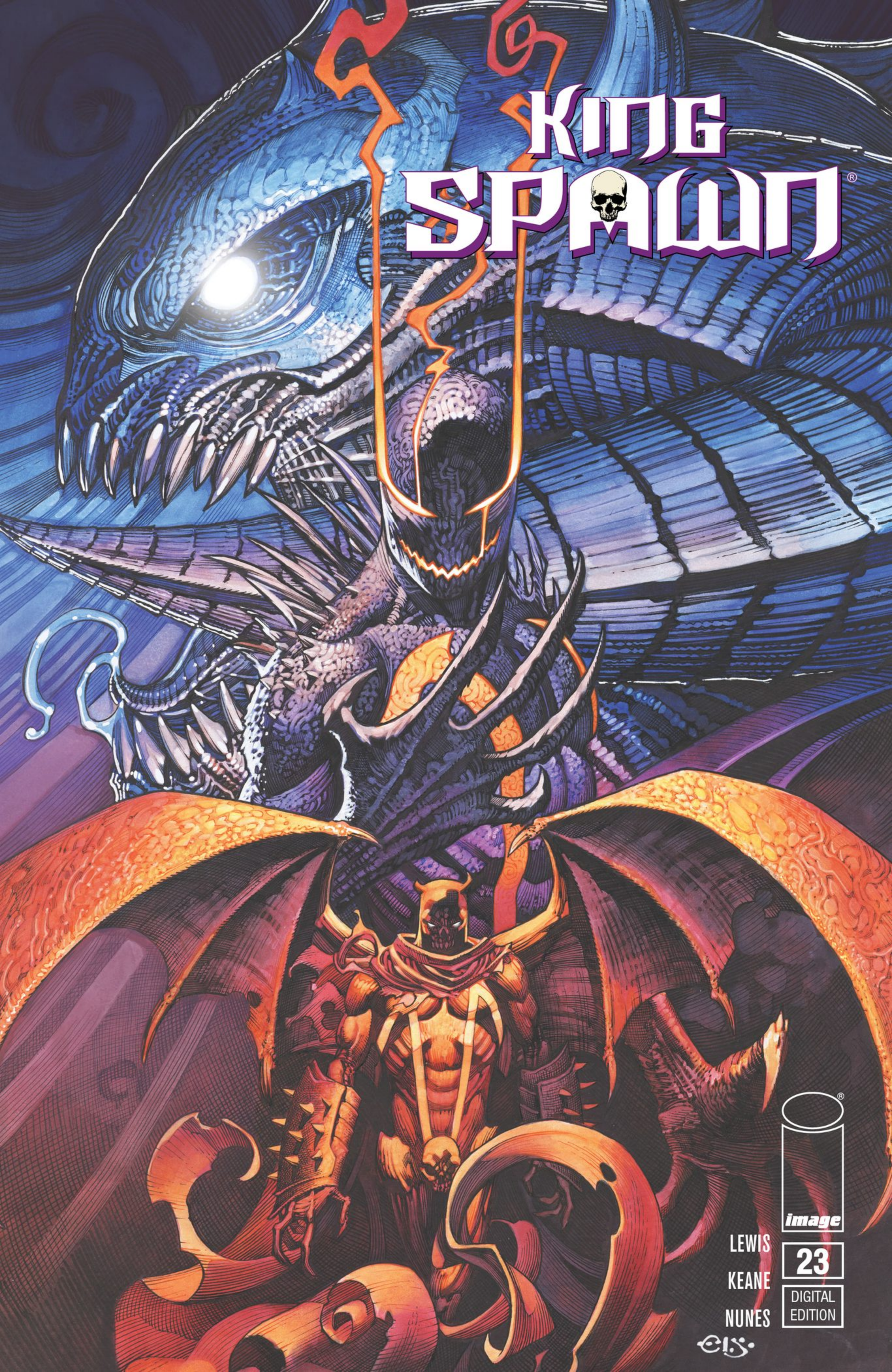


The cover art features a large, blue, scaly dragon-like creature with a glowing white eye and a jagged orange mouth. In the foreground, a smaller, red and black armored figure with a skull on its chest and large, flame-like wings stands. The background is a dark, swirling blue and purple.

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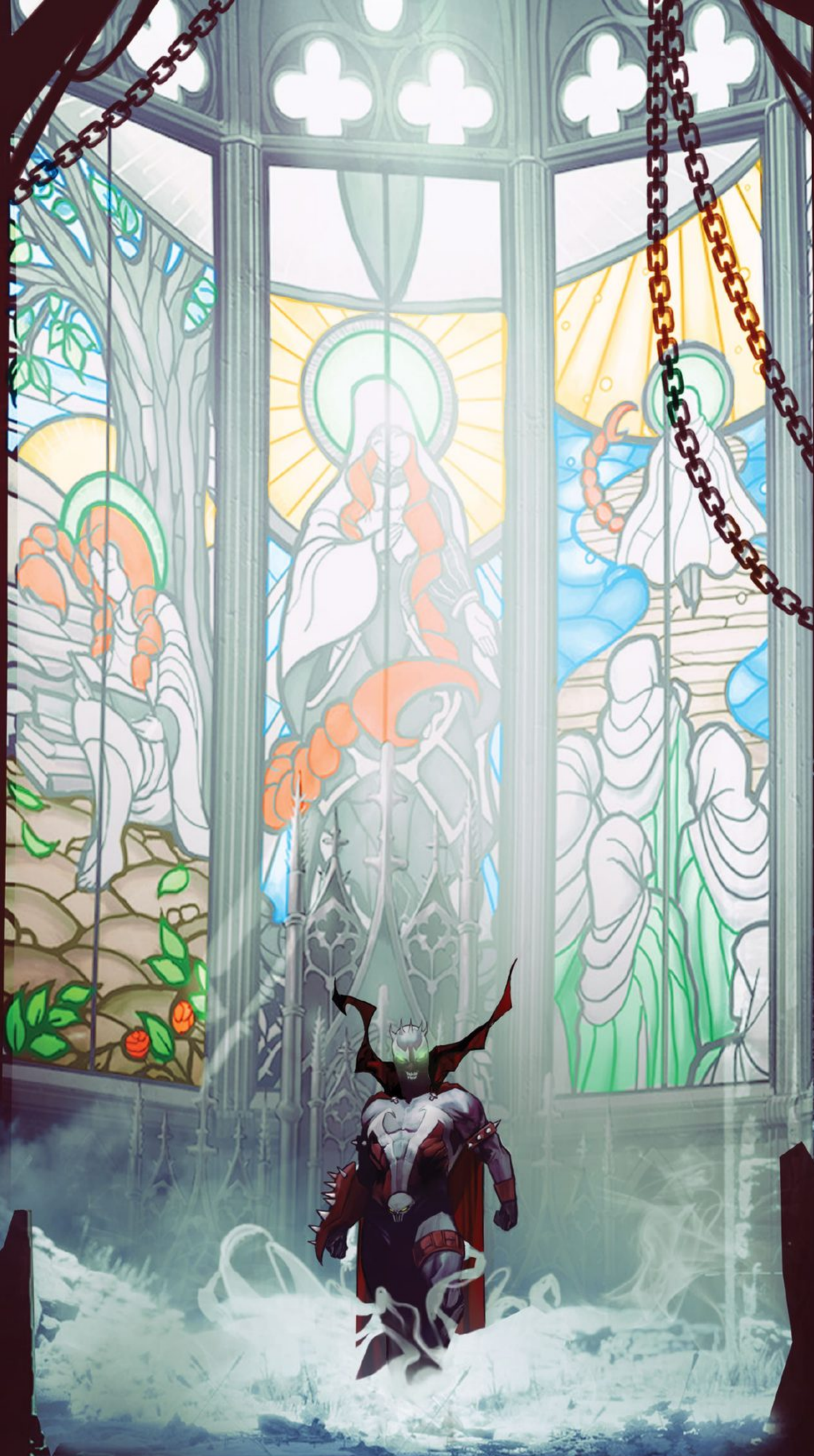
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PREVIOUSLY IN *KING SPAWN*

Spawn discovers that Cyan's friend Yoko is still alive and has been turned into a living weapon by the Exodus Foundation.



SPAWN THOUGHT SHE HAD DIED IN AN UNFORTUNATE **ACCIDENT** IN JAPAN. HE'D GONE THERE TO HELP RESCUE HIS BEST FRIEND'S DAUGHTER, CYAN--WHICH HE DID.

BUT ONE OF THE VICTIMS OF THAT RESCUE, PART OF THE COLLATERAL DAMAGE FROM THAT MISSION, WAS THE DEMISE OF CYAN'S YOUNG FRIEND WITH MYSTERIOUS POWERS.*

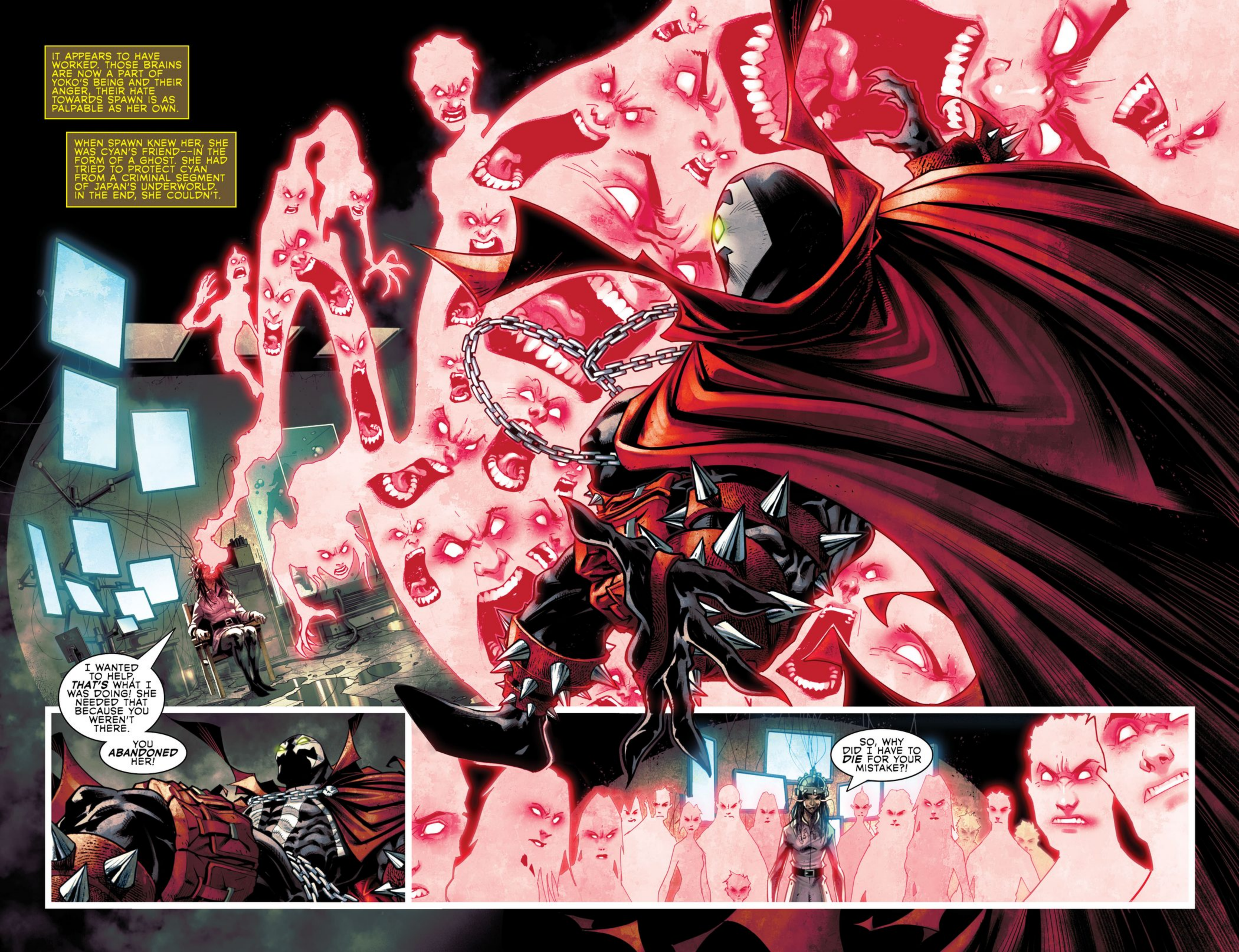
HER NAME WAS **YOKO**.

BUT NOW, IT TURNS OUT, THAT THE CORPORATION EXODUS, THE SAME ENTITY BENT ON RUINING SPAWN, HAD BEEN AWARE OF HER TOO.

THEY'VE BEEN GIVING HER EXTRACTED BRAINS TO WIELD HER POWERS ON. AND TO MELD WITH!

IT APPEARS TO HAVE WORKED. THOSE BRAINS ARE NOW A PART OF YOKO'S BEING AND THEIR ANGER, THEIR HATE TOWARDS SPAWN IS AS PALPABLE AS HER OWN.

WHEN SPAWN KNEW HER, SHE WAS CYAN'S FRIEND--IN THE FORM OF A GHOST. SHE HAD TRIED TO PROTECT CYAN FROM A CRIMINAL SEGMENT OF JAPAN'S UNDERWORLD. IN THE END, SHE COULDN'T.



I WANTED TO HELP. THAT'S WHAT I WAS DOING! SHE NEEDED THAT BECAUSE YOU WEREN'T THERE.

YOU ABANDONED HER!



SO, WHY DID I HAVE TO DIE FOR YOUR MISTAKE?!





**JAPAN.
LAST YEAR.**



"...I WOULD HAVE
DONE ANYTHING
TO PROTECT HER.



"FROM THE SCIENTISTS.
FROM THE DEMON, SHIZUMU,
WHO KILLED ME FIRST.



"THEN YOU
CAME.



"AND YOU WERE
JEALOUS. JEALOUS
THAT CYAN WAS
BECOMING MORE
POWERFUL THAN YOU.

"WHEN YOU KILLED MY
MURDERER YOU THOUGHT
YOU'D FREED ME..."

"YOU DIDN'T
FREE ME. YOU
PUNISHED ME."

"EVERYONE WHO
KNOWS YOU..."



"WHO
TRUSTS
YOU..."



"THEY
WON'T GET
REWARDED,
YOU KNOW,
THAT..."



"THEY'LL ALL
JUST BE
PUNISHED,
LIKE ME."



HOW
DO YOU
THINK THAT
FEELS?

YOKO AND THE GHOSTS
SHE'S DEVoured, FORM
INTO A SINGLE UNION.

THEN **SHATTER**
THEMSELVES!

IMPLANTING THEIR
SHARDS IN AS MANY
POSSIBLE PLACES
ON SPAWN'S BODY
AS THEY CAN.

BURROWING
DEEP INSIDE.

WHERE NOW,
HE CAN FEEL
THEIR PAIN.

HE'S FOUGHT HUNDREDS OF TIMES AGAINST SUPERNATURAL FORCES, BUT AS A TRAINED MILITARY MAN, HE'S ALWAYS BEEN FAR MORE EFFECTIVE IN *PHYSICAL* BATTLES.

MEANING, HE'S SUSCEPTIBLE TO THOSE FORCES WHEN BURIED INSIDE HIM. THEY WANT HIM TO BE HIS *OWN ENEMY*.

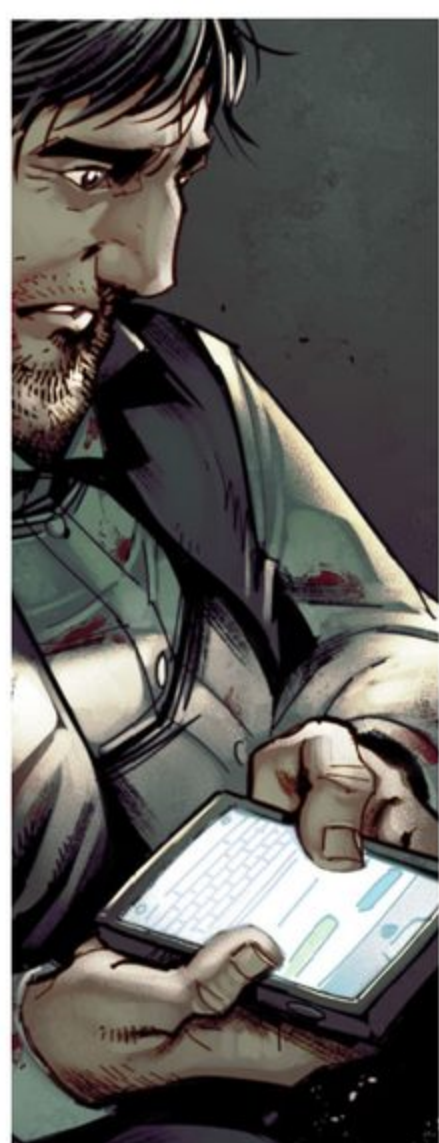


FROM THE SHADOWS SAM BURKE WATCHES SPAWN STRUGGLING.

THEY BROUGHT KINCAID BACK. DISRUPTOR BACK. IT'S MY TURN, NOW!



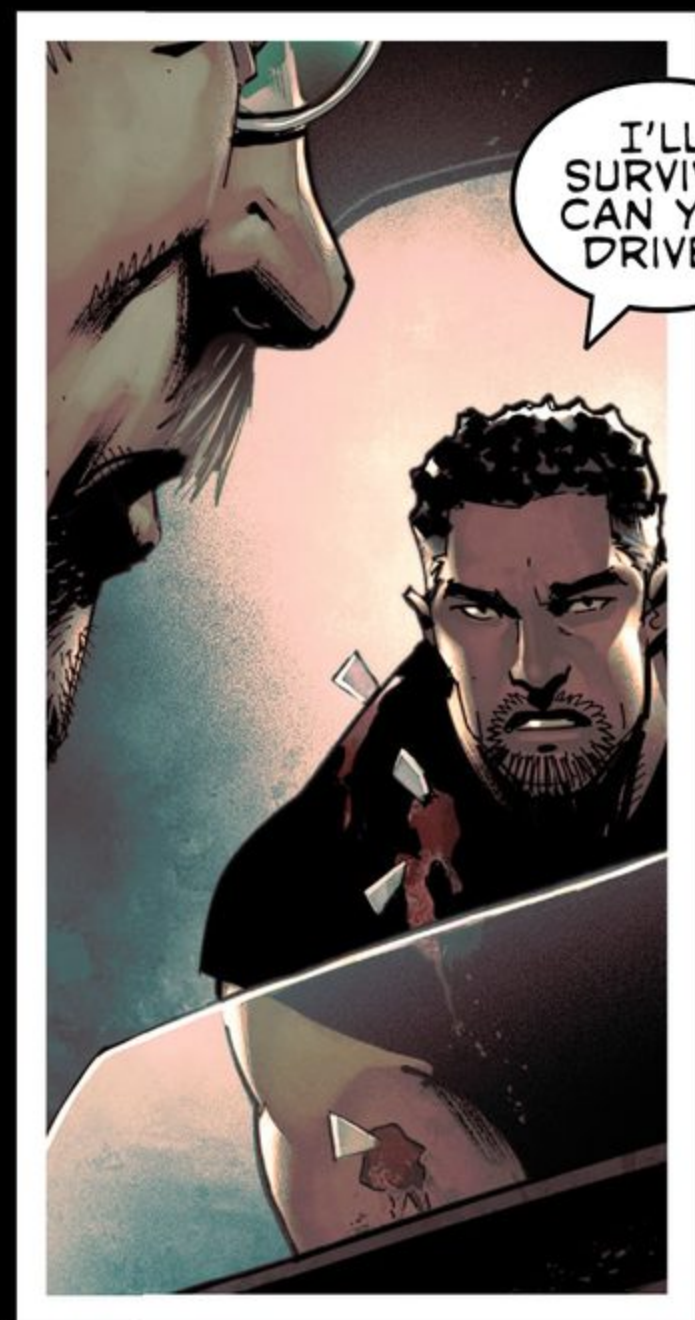
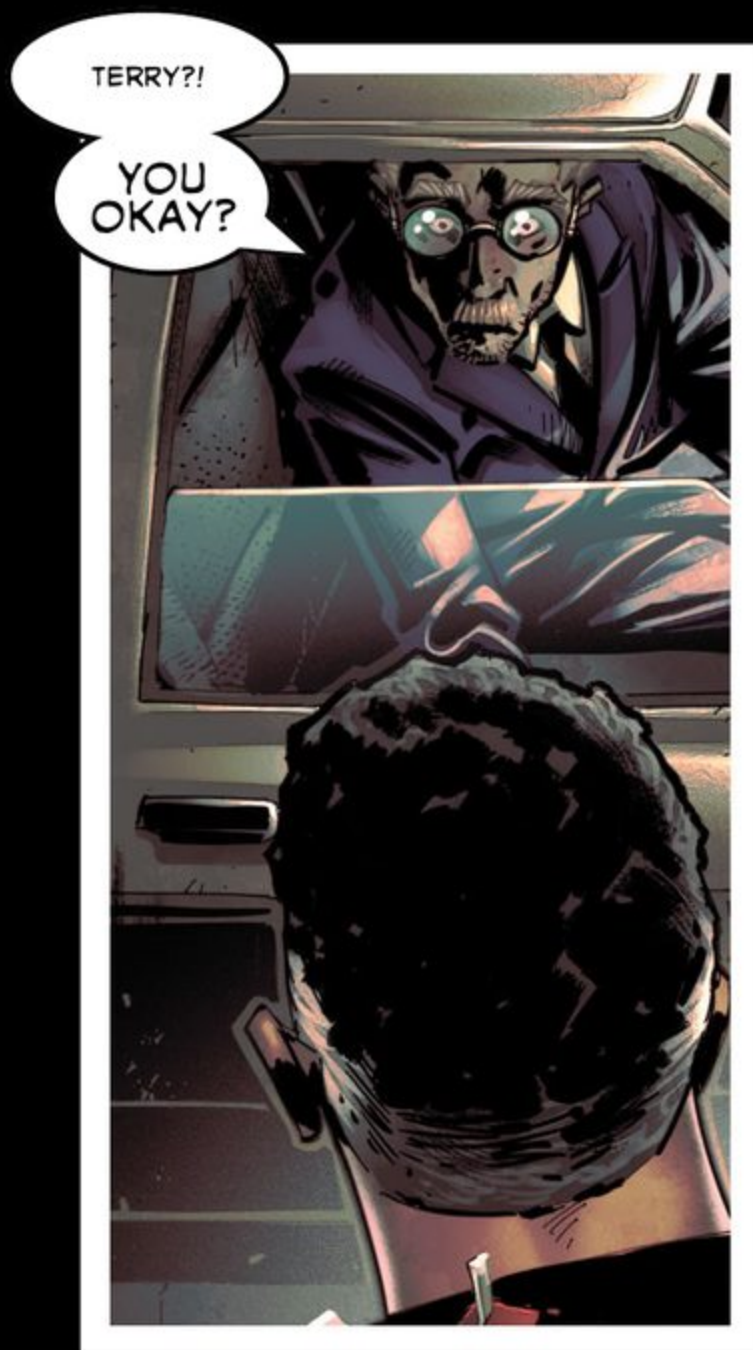
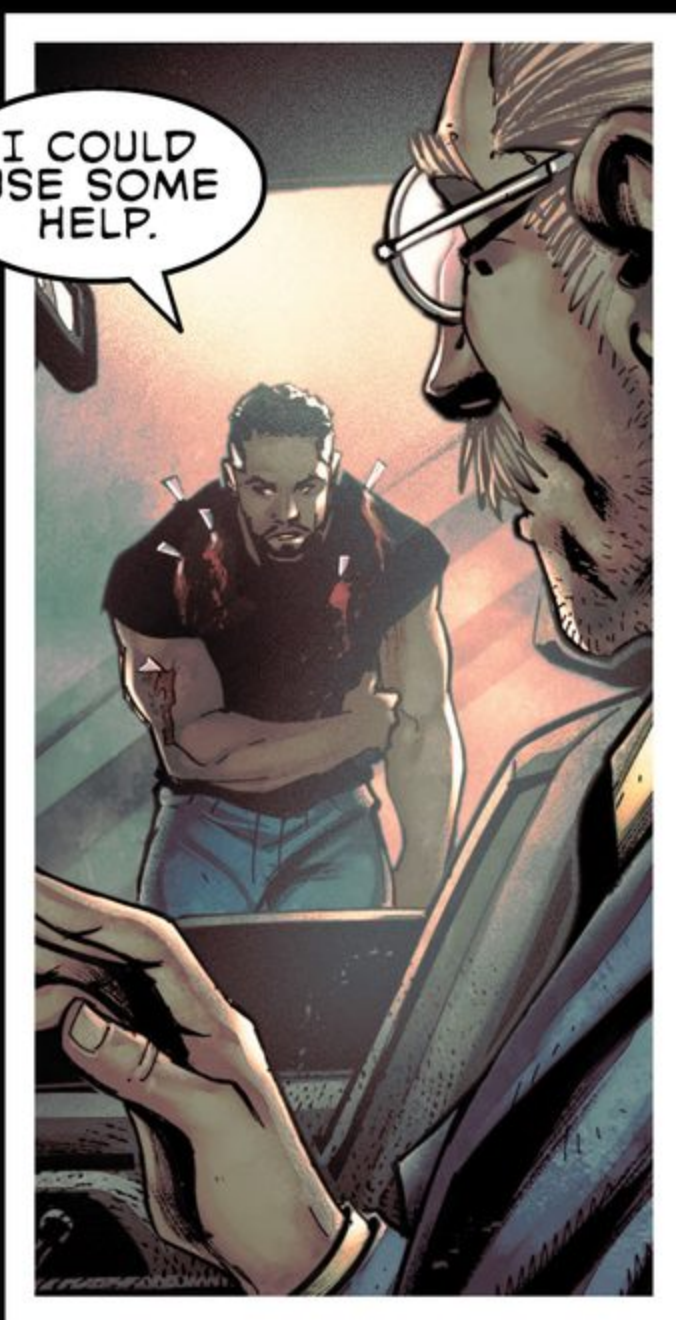
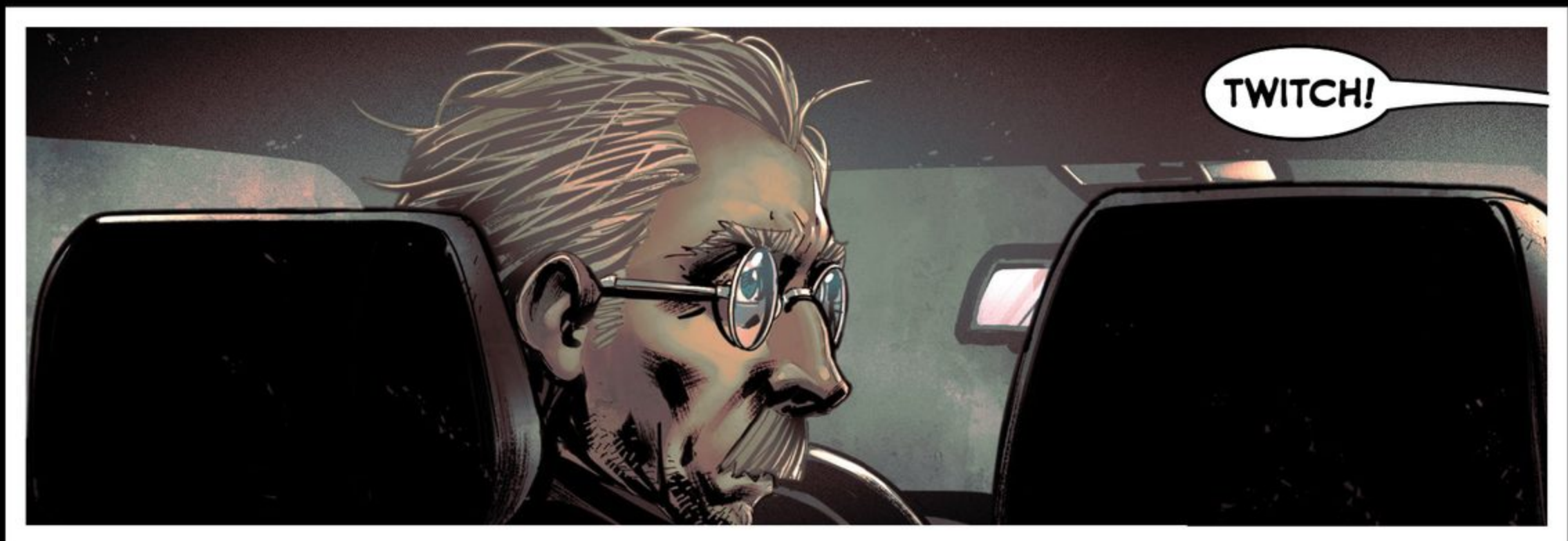
SAM DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE CONTEXT OF WHAT HE'S HEARING. BUT HE KNOWS HE NEEDS HELP.



I'M DONE BEING TRAPPED... AND BEING *USED*.

SAM'S LOCATION GETS PINNED.





"SOMEHOW THEY
KNEW WHERE
WE WERE."



"TAR AND SOME BIG-ASS
DUDE, THEY CAME AND
GRABBED HER, I COULDN'T
STOP 'EM, BUT I'LL KILL EVERY
ONE OF THOSE F*CKERS AT
EXODUS IF THEY *HURT* HER!"



TWITCH
LOOKS AT
HIS PHONE,
AGAIN...



I THINK
I'VE GOT
A BETTER
IDEA.

HOP
IN.



WHY? YOU
KNOW WHERE
CYAN'S AT?



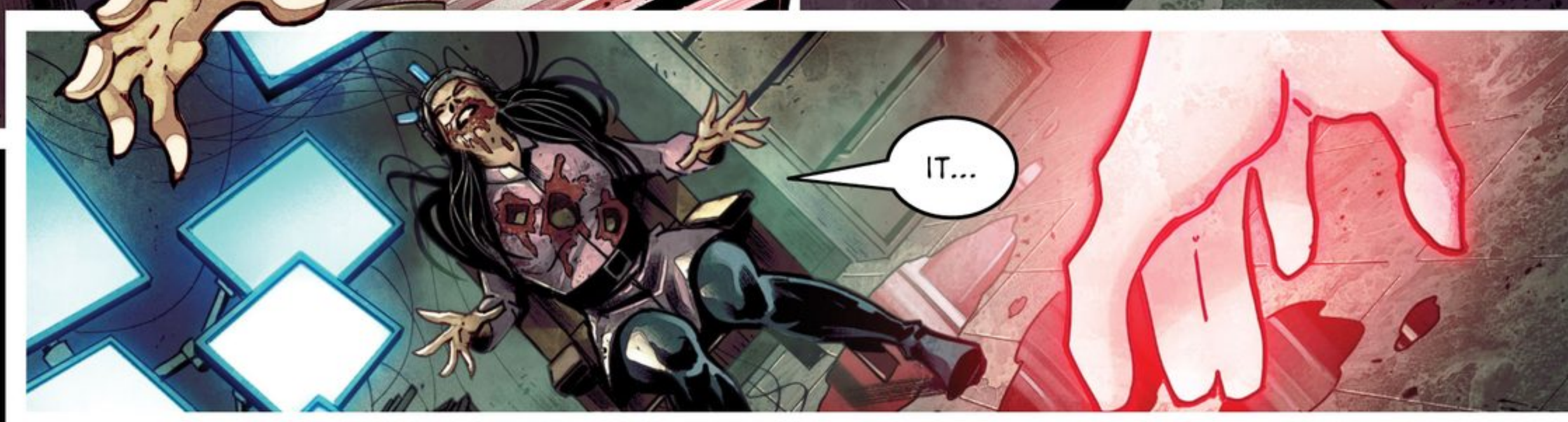
WE'LL
SEE.

MOST COPS AT HIS
PRECINCT THINK
DETECTIVE BURKE IS
ALMOST FEARLESS.



USING DEADLY
FORCE AGAINST
HIS AGGRESSIVE
ATTACKER.

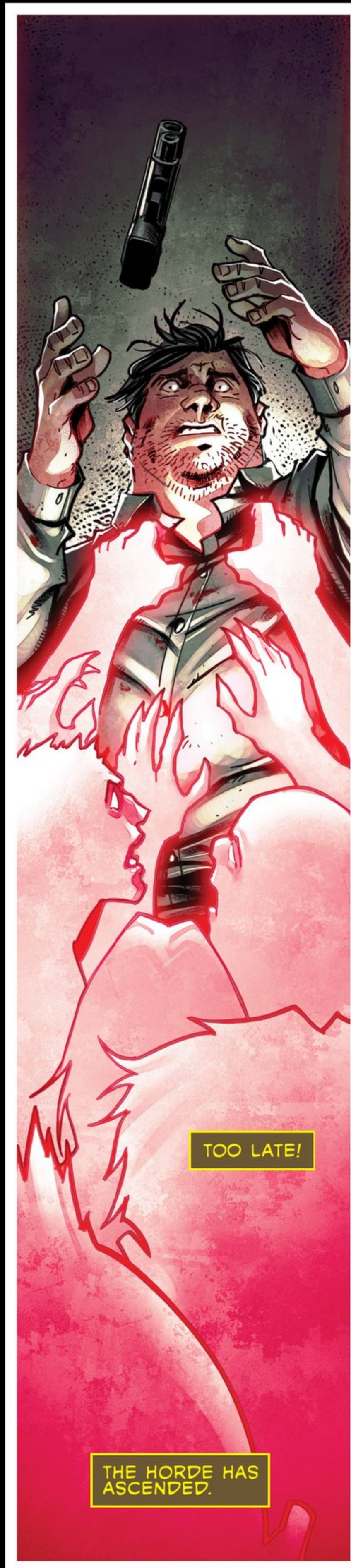
TO A BETTER
RESULT THAN
HE IMAGINED.



HE HAS NO IDEA,
THOUGH, HOW TO DEAL
WITH THE GHOSTS.

STILL, HE'S WILLING
TO PUT HIS LIFE
ON THE LINE.





TOO LATE!

THE HORDE HAS ASCENDED.



AND IF SPAWN IS STRUGGLING TO FEND THEM AWAY...



WHAT POSSIBLE CHANCE COULD DETECTIVE BURKE HAVE?



ESPECIALLY SINCE YOKO HAS SOMEHOW MADE A 'MIRACULOUS' RECOVERY.



WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO LISTEN?



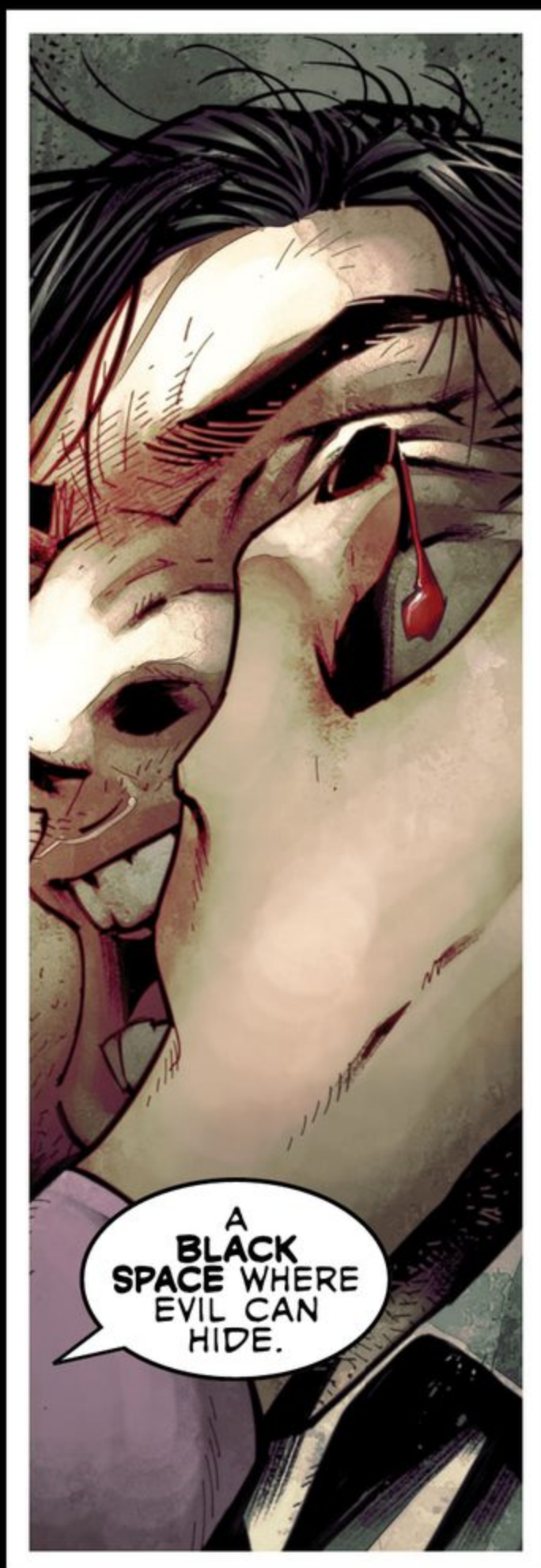
I WAS HER FRIEND.

SHE NEEDED ME.

NEEDED MY PROTECTION.

FROM THE EVIL... LIKE YOU.

SAM HOLDS HIS BREATH AS SHE ADVANCES.



IT'S A PEEPHOLE, A
LOOK TO THE LAST TIME
HE WAS TRULY SCARED.



WHEN HE WAS
EIGHT--AND
STILL INNOCENT.



TO THE DAY HE REMEMBERS
WHEN FEAR WASHED OVER HIM
AND WHERE HE FIRST LEARNED
HOW TO *HATE* SOMETHING.



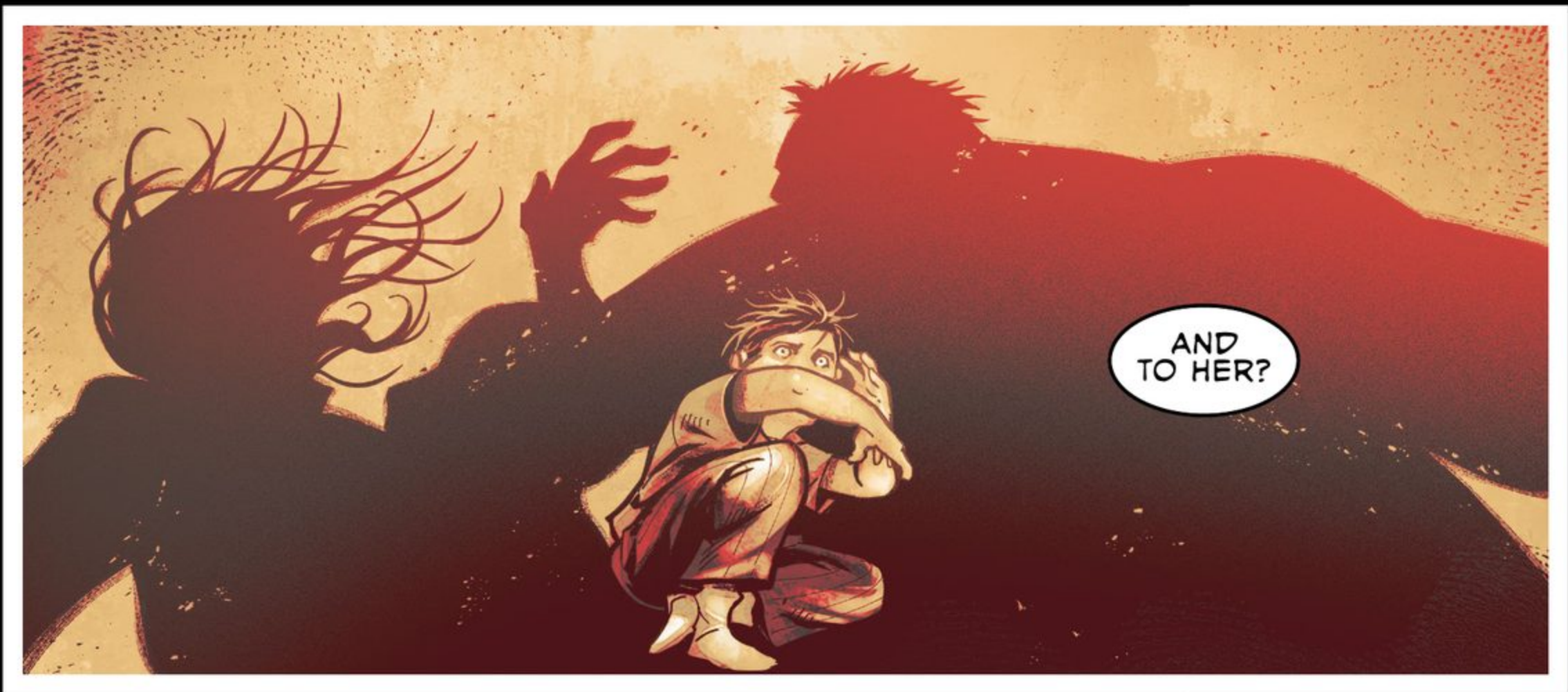
OR SOMEONE.

SHE
SHOULD
HAVE LEFT.
LEFT HIM
TO ROT!



WHY'D
YOU LET HIM
DO THOSE
THINGS
TO
YOU?







WHAT I'M
WONDERING IS HOW
DEEP OF A CONNECTION
YOU REALLY HAVE WITH
THEM. BECAUSE EXODUS,
PSALM 137--THEY BOTH
NEED TO CORRUPT AND
CONTROL OTHERS FOR
THEIR BULLSHIT TO
CONTINUE!



HOW
LOYAL ARE
YOU?



OH, SHE'S
QUITE LOYAL
ACTUALLY.



THE RASPY VOICE BELONGS TO MR. MERRIVAL, WHO HAS BROUGHT ALONG HIS OWN TRUSTED ENTOURAGE OF HIS DAUGHTER, TAR, THEIR SERVANT BEHEMOTH.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY...
CYAN!

WE'RE THE ONES THAT FREED BILLY KINCAID, WHO RELEASED JASON WYNN. YOU SEE, HELLSPAWN, TECHNOLOGY AND THE SUPERNATURAL ARE NOT AS SEPARATE AS YOU THINK. THEY'RE BOTH TOOLS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WHEN NEEDED.

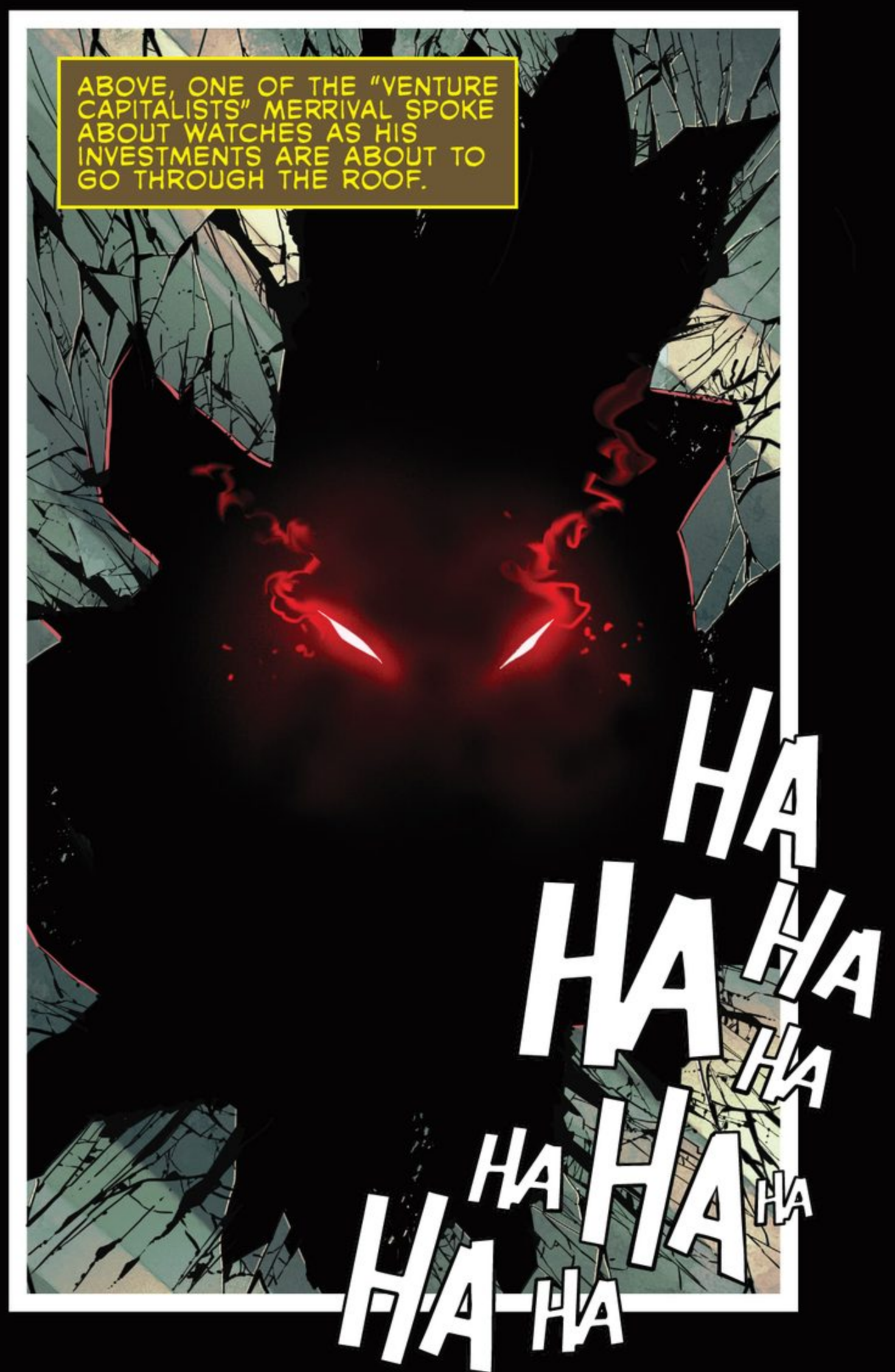
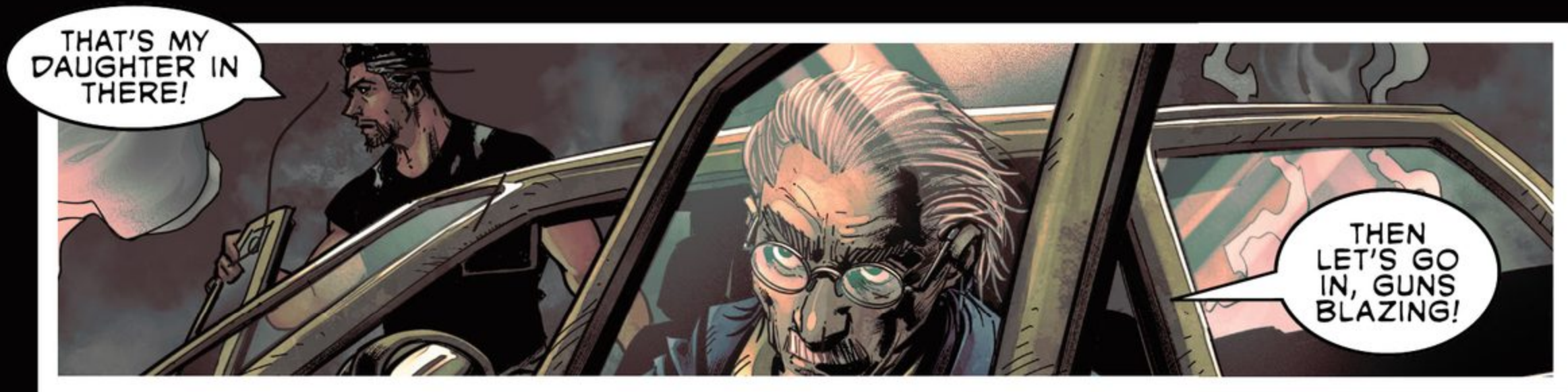
SO, OF COURSE WE RESCUED YOUNG YOKO HERE WHEN YOU ABANDONED HER, GIVING HER ACCESS TO THE **BRIGHTEST** MINDS WE'D COLLECTED.

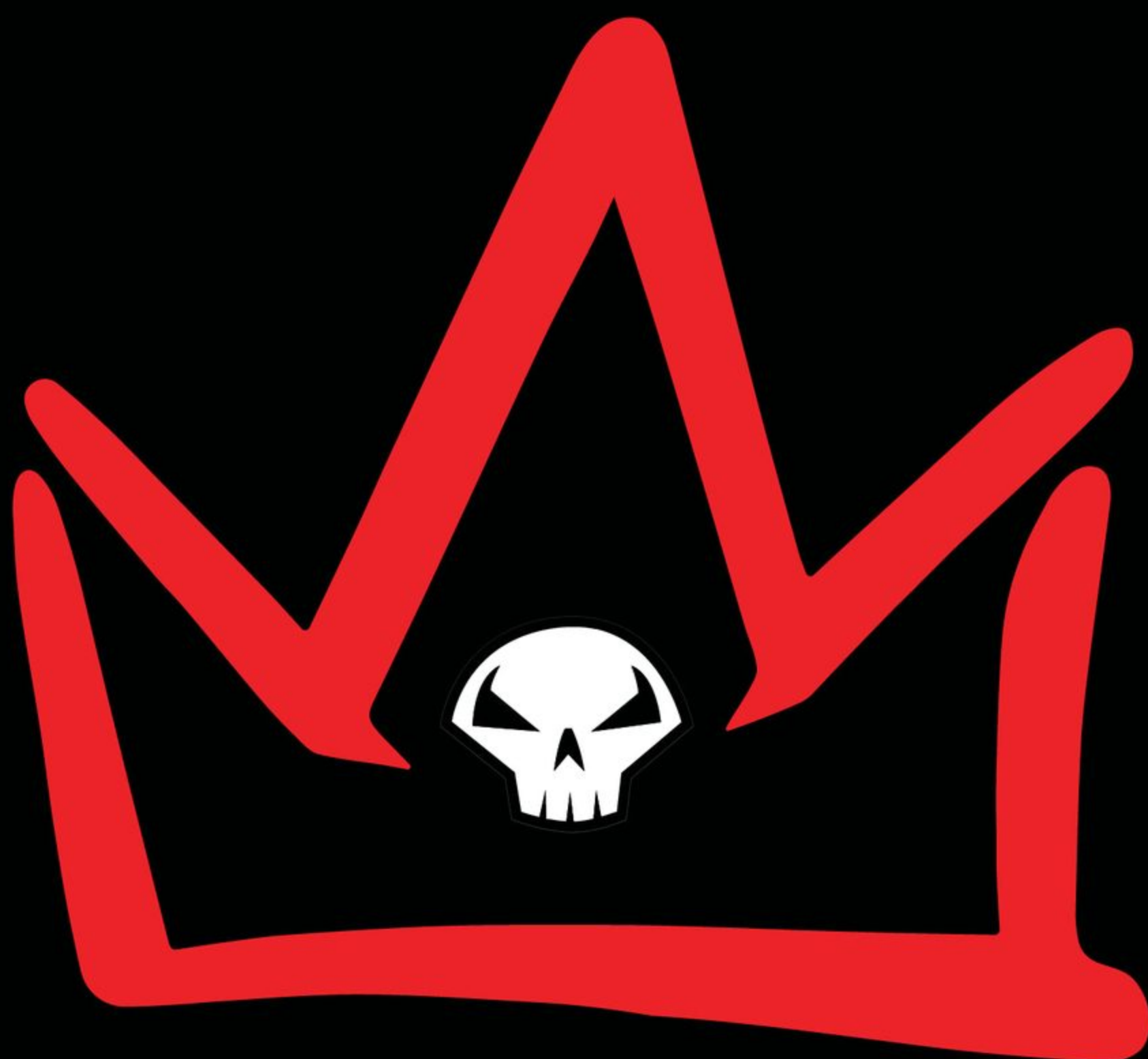
THAT'S HOW YOU BUILD POWER. ONE TINY STEP AT A TIME, REGARDLESS OF WHO IT MIGHT HURT.

BECAUSE CAPITALISM CAN BE SUCH A BEAUTIFUL THING. MANIPULATE INVESTORS TO GIVE US THE SEED MONEY FOR US TO **BARTER** WITH THE FATE OF THIS WORLD.

LIKE YOUR 'DEAD ZONES'. THEY'RE AN IMPORTANT PIECE TO ALL THIS.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW, SPAWN?





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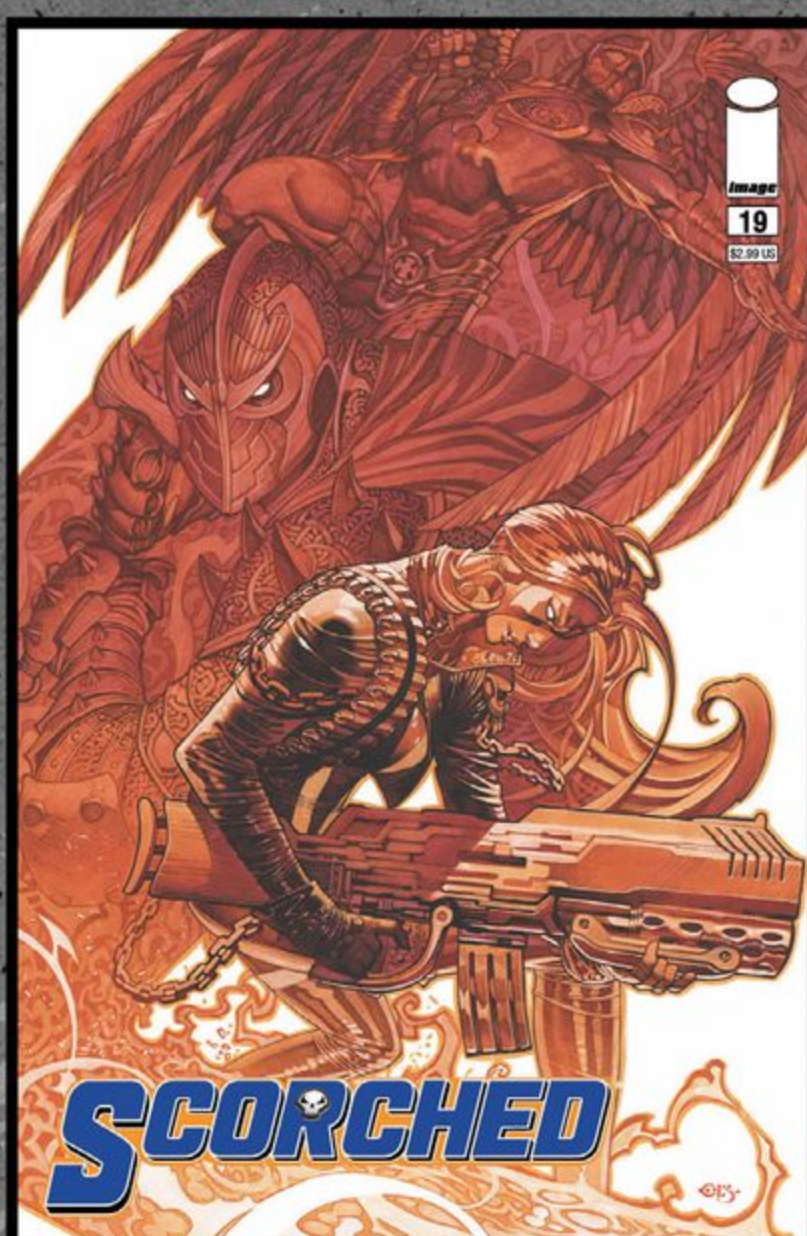
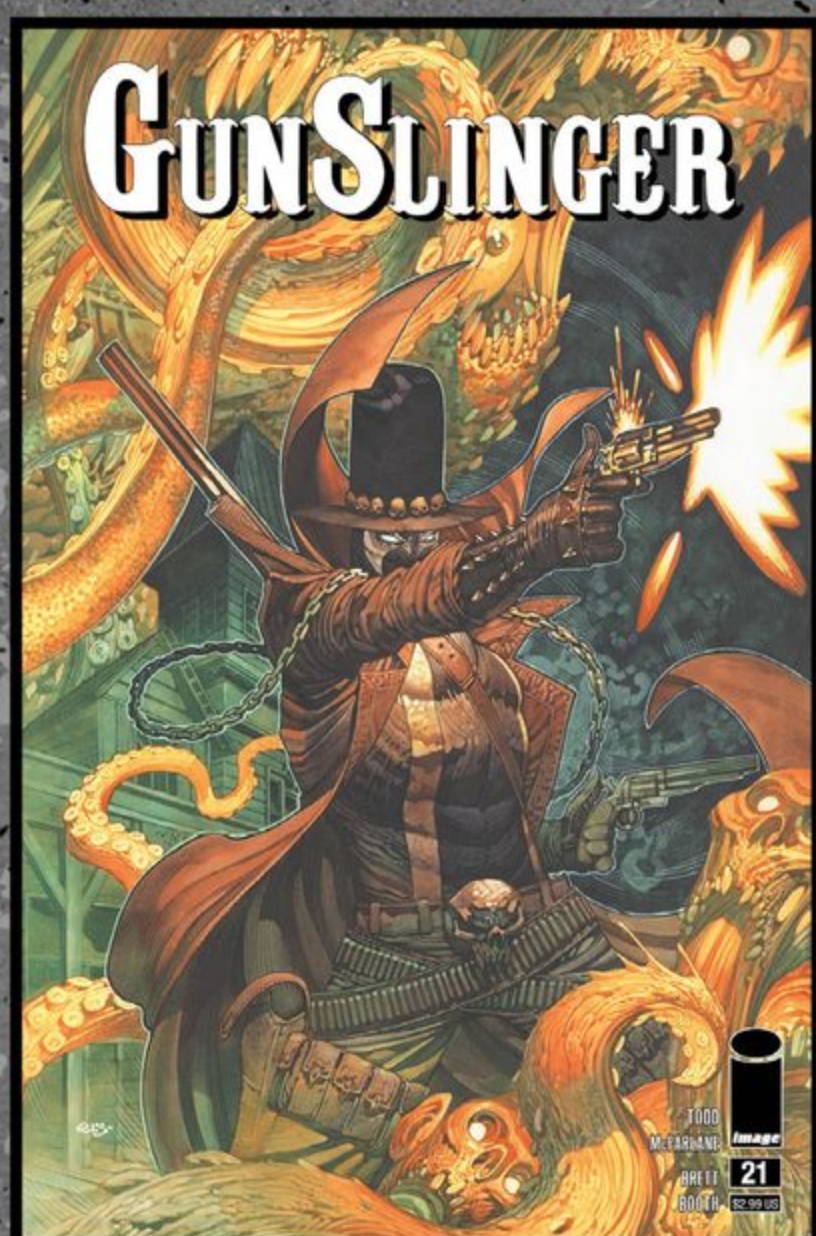
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